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SUBJECT: RESHUFFLE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSIGNMENTS

1. SUMMARY. BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE AUGUST 10, GURC HAS ANNOUNCED LARGE NUMBER REASSIGNMENTS OF PERSONNEL AT FONMIN AND EMBASSIES ABROAD. SEVERAL CONCERN KEY OFFICIALS FOR USG DEALINGS WITH GURC ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL MATTERS. ACTION REQUESTED: ACTION ADDRESSEES PROVIDE AVAILABLE BIO INFO. END SUMMARY.

2. NUMEROUS REASSIGNMENTS DECREED AUGUST 10, TO TAKE EFFECT IN NEAR FUTURE, ARE MORE THAN PERIODIC RESHUFFLE. THE EFFECT THEY ALSO CONSTITUTE IMPLEMENTATION OF REORGANIZATION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY DECREED IN MARCH 1973 BY FILLING SLOTS WITH NEW PERSONNEL DESIGNED TO GET MINISTRY FUNCTIONING ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL TABLE OF ORGANIZATION. SINCE GERCH, MINISTRY HAS BEEN LIMPING ALONG, WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR VARIOUS FUNCTIONS CONFUSED BETWEEN ADMIXTURE OF VESTIGES OF OLD STRUCTURE AND THEORETICAL AND PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED NEW STRUCTURE. HOPEFULLY, NEW APPOINTMENTS WILL IMPROVE IN TIME, RPT IN TIME, EFFICIENCY OF MINISTRY.

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3. CHANGES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO USG:

(A) HENRI DJENGUE NAMED MINISTER COUNSELOR AT EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. DJENGUE PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN WASHINGTON 1962-64, CURRENTLY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT FONMIN AND FREQUENT MEMBER PAST DELS TO UNGA. ALWAYS FRIENDLY AND ACCESSIBLE TO EMBOFFS AND, ALTHOUGH WITHOUT REAL AUTHORITY, ABLE AND WILLING TO DISCUSS ISSUES INTELLIGENTLY.

(B) PRESENT COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON MICHEL EPANGUE KOSS REPLACES DJENGUE AS DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT FONMIN.

(C) JACQUES BOOH NAMED MINISTER COUNSELOR AT CAMEROON PERMANENT MISSION TO UN, BOOH CURRENTLY DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS AT FONMIN. BRIGHT AND AMBITIOUS, HE IS ONLY FONMIN OFFICIAL ON EMBASSY'S DRAFT POTENTIAL LEADERS BIO REPORTING LIST. HE IS AVID THIRD-WORLD NATIONALIST TYPE, APPARENTLY ANTI-AMERICAN AND HAS KEPT DISTANCE FROM EMBOFFS.

(D) SIMONE MAIRIE REMAINS DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN, AMERICAN AND OCEANIC AFFAIRS. AND OLD FRIEND AND FREQUENT COMPANION OF MME. AHIDJO, SHE DOUBTLESS OWES HER POST TO THOSE TIES RATHER THAN TO HER EFFECTIVENESS. ALTHOUGH CORRECT AND NOT UNFRIENDLY IN HER RELATIONS WITH AMERICANS, SHE HAS BEEN OF LITTLE HELP TO US. ON OTHER HAND WE NOT AWARE THAT SHE HAS ACTED AS OBSTRUCTIONIST OR HAS PUT OBSTACLES IN OUR WAY.

(E) JEAN MELAGA, CHIEF OF SERVICE (DESK OFFICER) FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, PROMOTED TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE, AMERICA AND OCEANIA. THIS IS NEWLY CREATED POSITION. HAS SERVED ON DELS TO UN. HE ALSO SEC GEN OF BASKETBALL FEDERATION IN WHICH CAPACITY USIS HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE DEALINGS WITH HIM AND FOUND HIM FRIENDLY COLLABORATOR.

(F) VINCENT OWONA, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN MADRID, NAMED DESK OFFICER FOR AMERICAN AND OCEANIC AFFAIRS. HE REPLACES FRIENDLY, BUT INEFFECTUAL ISAIE TOKO MANGAN, FOR WHOM NO ONGOING ASSIGNMENT ANNOUNCED.

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(G) GABRIEL TANKOUA, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN OTTAWA, BECOMES UN DESK OFFICER.

(H) SAMUEL FONDERSON EKUMU, FIRST SECRETARY IN BRUSSELS, BECOMES DESK OFFICER FOR UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

(I) LONGTIME (SINCE INDEPENDENCE) INCUMBENT GABRIEL HAPI TINA REMAINS DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL. INEPT AND OFFENSIVE,

AND FREQUENTLY RUMORED IN TROUBLE FOR ONE THING OR ANOTHER,
HAPI TINA HANGO ON.

(J) MICHAEL KIMA NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL.
THIS IS FORMAL ELEVATION FROM CURRENT POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES IN PROTOCOL, BUT KIMA HAS BEEN SERVING
FOR SOME TIME AS DE FACTO CHIEF ASSISTANT TO HAPI TINA (AND
RUNNING PROTOCOL). KIMA IS ABLE, FRIENDLY AND VERY HELPFUL TO
US AND OTHER EMBASSIES, WHICH VITALLY IMPORTANCE WE OBLIGED
WORK THROUGH FONMIN PROTOCOL ON LARGE VARIETY OF MATTERS.

4. EMBASSY POUCHING COMPLETE LIST OF CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT
(AF/C).

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE BIO INFO ON EPANGUE KOSS,
OWONA, TANKOUA, AND EKUMU WHICH DEPARTMENT, MADRID, OTTAWA
AND BRUSSELS MAY BE ABLE PROVIDE.
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